

FIGHT ON BROOKLYN COAL CHIEF HOTTER

Allied Civic Committee Will
Ask Woodin To-day to
Put Drummond Out.

'INTERESTS' TOO CLOSE

Survey of All Cellars De-
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THE BRONX BADLY OFF

New Houses With Damp Plas-
ter Without Fuel to Dry
Them Out.

The Allied Civic Coal Committee of Brooklyn announced yesterday that it will call on William H. Woodin, State Fuel Administrator, to demand the resignation of Samuel J. Drummond, Deputy Fuel Administrator for Brooklyn, because of Mr. Drummond's affiliation with the coal companies. He is president of the Brooklyn Coal Exchange.

Daniel J. Sweeney, chairman of the committee, declared that it represents twenty-five or thirty civic organizations of Brooklyn and that its position is that Mr. Drummond's affiliation with the coal companies is not justifiable because of his connection with the coal selling interests.

A police survey of the coal cellars in Brooklyn homes and more sys-

tematic distribution of coal were suggested by Mr. Sweeney as remedies for the fuel shortage.

"There are families in Brooklyn," he declared, "with four or five tons of coal in the cellar, while their neighbors have no coal at all. We must stop this hoarding and reach an equitable basis of distribution. We have sent a letter to Mr. Woodin suggesting that all coal sent to Brooklyn dealers be inventoried and every shipment be recorded from source to destination. These records should be periodically inspected and periodical police surveys of Brooklyn coal cellars should be made to insure a proper distribution.

"The names and addresses of persons having a surplus of coal should be recorded and these persons made to distribute the surplus when and if the shortage becomes acute. Peddlers should not be allowed to sell coal in more than 100 pound lots."

Eugene Thompson, secretary of the Allied Civic Coal Committee, will confer with Loring M. Black, Jr., Representative-elect, at Mr. Black's office, 42 Broadway, Manhattan, to-day to discuss ways and means of obtaining a more adequate supply for Brooklyn and also to discuss methods of ousting Mr. Drummond. According to Mr. Thompson Mr. Drummond not only is secretary of the Brooklyn Coal Exchange but also is a director of the Commonwealth Coal Company.

Mr. Thompson alleges there is a conspiracy among coal dealers to shift coal away from Brooklyn to points West where higher prices may be obtained. Recently, he says, attention was called to 153 carloads of anthracite, a total of 7,000 tons, on the tracks of the Long Island Railroad at Avenue J and Sheepshead Bay.

"I don't know who got this coal after it was publicly noticed," said Mr. Thompson, "and I would like to know where it has gone."

Long Island towns and communities are richer by more than 12,500 tons of anthracite coal in stove, nut and pea sizes as the result of the two days' holiday. The letup in the operation of the big industrial plants in the Long Island City and Queens districts relieved the Long Island Railroad freight handlers from the necessity of giving preference to the movement of merchandise and factory supplies and allowed them to give their attention to cars loaded with coal.

There were more than 250 such cars in the vicinity of the Long Island City freight yards on Saturday night. With the starting to work of the night gangs

RUNAWAY CHINESE MAIDEN FOUND AND WEDDING IS ON

Mott Street Awaits Fugitive Bride-to-Be and China-
town Will Feast for a Week After Ceremony
Scheduled for To-day.

Chinatown's "four hundred" are wearing their choicest silks and brightest smiles to-day. George Num Lee's runaway bride-to-be has been found and will arrive to-day. Almost immediately the son of Mott street's merchant prince will wed the little bobbed haired Washington maiden in accordance with the ancient Chinese custom and Chinatown will feast for a week thereafter. The greatest social catastrophe in the history of Mott street has been averted.

Yesterday morning was marked by leaden hours for George Num Lee. Those were hours he had planned to be the beginning of an Oriental honeymoon. At noon a telephone call put a throb of hope in his heart and the hope came true. Little Mildred Wenn his fiancée, had been found, although it was not made clear just how, and she was coming with her parents this morning to be married as quickly as possible. The sun shone brightly all afternoon for George Num Lee.

Saturday and the day gangs of Sunday and Monday the coal cars were drilled out and some of them added to every freight train that left the yards. In some instances the larger portion of trains was made up of coal cars.

The coal was shipped principally to south shore villages and communities. Some of it going as far as Montauk Point. Dealers in the Richmond Hill, Jamaica, Flushing and Whitestone sections also received the most liberal supplies they have obtained in some time.

The number of new houses and the unsatisfactory results in the use of substitute fuels have brought the Wakefield and Williamsbridge sections of The Bronx to a point of hardship. Hundreds of families, many with small children, are without coal. Many of the houses recently completed have damp plaster walls, and this is absolutely necessary to dry these walls quickly.

Coal dealers are unable to obtain their supply, and those who are receiving any coal to speak of release it at once. Frederick Schwler, a coal dealer in the Williamsbridge section, stated that he is receiving only 10 per cent of his normal

supply. Hundreds of orders which were received last spring are still unfilled.

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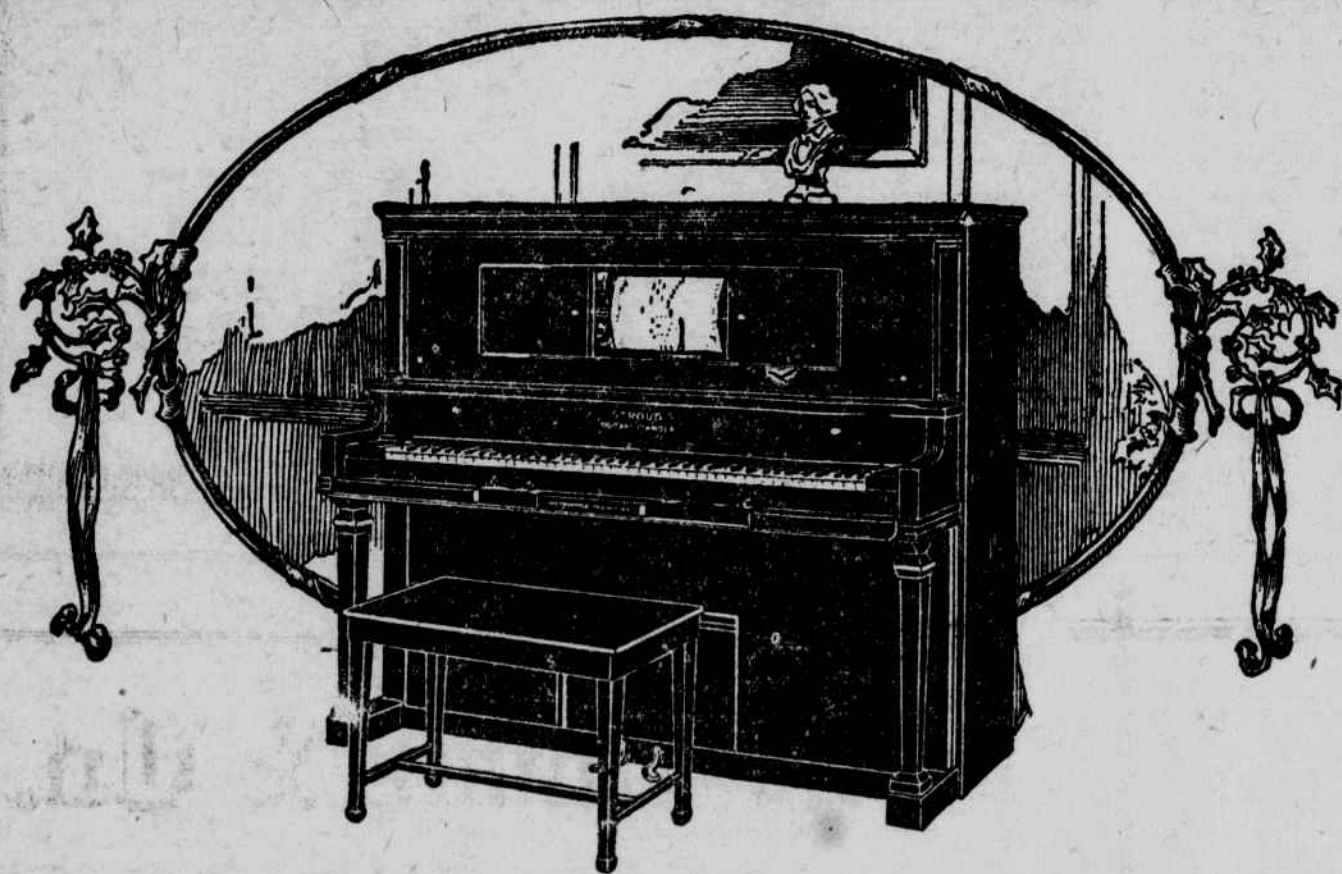
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